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SUBJECT: SPECIAL SESSION PREPCOM V: GUIDANCE ON
ENMOD AND SEABEDS ITEMS IN PROGRAM OF ACTION

I. WE CANNOT ACCEPT THE ARGENTINE PROPOSAL FOR A SECOND
ITEM ON ENMOD IN THE PROGRAM OF ACTION ("A CONVENTION
SHOULD BE CONCLUDED TO PROHIBIT COMPLETELY MILITARY OR
ANY OTHER HOSTILE USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION TECH-
NIQUES"), WHICH APPEARS AS PARA 62. OUR PREFERENCE WOULD
BE SIMPLY TO HAVE THE ITEM DROPPED. IF IN DEL'S JUDGMENT
THAT IS NOT FEASIBLE, DEL MAY SUGGEST FOLLOWING ALTERNA-
TIVE: "THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT
SHOULD KEEP UNDER REVIEW THE QUESTION OF THE NEED FOR A
FURTHER PROHIBITION ON MILITARY OR ANY OTHER HOSTILE USE
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OF ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION TECHNIQUES." AS A FINAL
COMPROMISE, IF THE SUGGESTION IS RAISED BY OTHERS, DEL
MAY ACCEPT THE DELETION OF THE PHRASE "THE NEED FOR" FROM
THE ABOVE FORMULATION.

2. NOR CAN WE ACCEPT POLISH ADDITION TO THE SEABEDS ITEM,
AT THE END OF PARA 65: "WITH A VIEW TO WORKING OUT A NEW

AGREEMENT ON COMPLETE DEMILITARIZATION OF THAT ENVIRONMENT." IN ITS PLACE DEL MAY SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING LAST CLAUSE, PATTERNED ON LANGUAGE OF UNGA RES 32/87-A: "TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE PROPOSALS MADE DURING THE REVIEW CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE SEA-BED ARMS CONTROL TREATY AND ANY RELEVANT TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS." VANCE

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